

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Colchester will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room 1, located at 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT to discuss its 2016 Small Cities Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are \$700,000 for Public Facilities, \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must meet at least one of three National Objectives: 1) benefit to low and moderate income persons, 2) elimination of slums and blight, or 3) meeting urgent community development needs. Only one (1) project Application may be submitted to DOH.

The Town is proposing to submit an Application under the Public Housing Modernization category for Renovations and Improvements at Dublin Village Senior Housing Complex. The Town of Colchester anticipates applying for up to the maximum grant amount of \$800,000.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Town's Application for funding. The hearing will also review and discuss the Town's prior Small Cities projects including any currently open or underway.

The public hearing will give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and review and discussion of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Colchester, First Selectman's office, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT 06415 or you may telephone Mr. Arthur P. Shilosky, First Selectman at 860-537-7200. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm weekdays.

The Town of Colchester promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families, and will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, or gender identity or expression.

"All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Reed Gustafson, ADA Coordinator at 860-537-7200 at least five days prior to the hearing."

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